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EDITORIAL

On First, Fourth & Fifth Pages

NOTES AND COMMENTS

We are full to overflowing and have to leave out other matter in order to get in Bro. Pace's letter to the brethren, which has just come as we go to press. Brethren, this is your last chance to help the Foreign Board out of debt. If everyone will help, it can be done. Will you not see to it that there shall be no failure on your account?

As usual, our friends at Shuqualak did not allow us to leave them empty-handed, but almost

fifty thousand dollars have been subscribed, and let the

say butter, fresh eggs, and other delicacies, all of which are most highly appreciated and enjoyed. We are under special obligations to Mrs. K. Green, Mrs. Mamie Edwards, Mrs. St. and Miss Sallie Leslie, whose great kindness made us glad. Many thanks.

THE revival meeting with our Fifteenth Avenue church of this city, grows in interest. Rev. M. D. Early, of Memphis, is preaching the gospel in its purity, the people crowd the house every night, with good congregations every day, and the interest is constantly on the increase. There has been quite a number of professions and accessions to the church. The meeting will continue through this week at least, and large and blessed results are expected.

We only had time for a note in connection with the dispatch of President Northen, of the Georgia Baptist Convention, in last week's issue of THE RECORD. That was a noble purpose of the Georgia Convention to raise \$10,000, to be divided between our two Boards, the Home and Foreign. Now, will not Mississippi Baptists, who also love the Lord and His cause, come up to the rescue of our Boards from debt? We have only a few days to work, but brethren, remember that God made this world in only six days, without our help; and surely He can and will, if we ask Him and do our best, enable us to send up several thousands of dollars before the first of May. What say you?

BRO. BACON'S RESOLUTIONS

We were just a mite too sick last week to say anything. Bro. Bacon's resolutions concerning the Southern Baptist Convention and Theological Seminary. We want to say that we do not believe we, as Baptists, have hitherto guarded our interests as we should. We are a mighty free people, that is a fact, but we are a people nevertheless—a distinct, even "a peculiar people." We are not a branch of some great ecclesiastical vine, for our origin cannot be traced to any such source, nor can we be identified with any other religious people by any of the usual tests known as "flesh marks" or "family favor." All that any one has to do to make sure of this fact, is to compare our prominent and distinctive features, with a New Testament ecclesia, or in plain English, a New Testament church, as is clearly enough brought out in the great *magna carta* of the kingdom of Christ and its polity. If we Baptists are here for anything, then it is to glorify God, and in our opinion we are to glorify God in two things. One is to make sure of, and at all hazards to maintain, our scriptural identity; and the other is to exert ourselves to our utmost ability as the light of the world and the salt of the earth, to bring other people into the same blessed state of salvation and Christian identity with ourselves.

Now, to do this is not a question of the valley shall have made sweet our sleep.

We are to maintain the order laid down in the great commission in the evangelization of the world and in our church work, and then we are to "contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints." The only question for us, then, is, how shall we do this? Our answer to that inquiry is freely and fearlessly given. We must make sure of the righteousness of all of our methods and facilities, and then guard them with all the wisdom and power that God has given to His "peculiar people," with His help. Among the primary methods and facilities we must use, we reckon our schools, colleges and theological seminaries. In these institutions of learning are being, and are no doubt to be taught, those who are to be the future teachers and leaders of our churches and people, as our forthcoming pastors, evangelists and missionaries. Upon these men, above all others, will devolve and does, the great responsibility of teaching and leading our churches in the way and manner of maintaining our peculiar identity and pushing on successfully our progressive work.

Now, brethren, to the vital point in the purpose of this article. We believe and unhesitatingly assert, that to make good our mission, our churches, in their representatives, should control the institutions of learning where our preachers are educated, in order that the surest and best instruction and

extreme recklessness, Baptists, charged as they are by their Master to make proof of the commission He gave them, to give their money to build up in titulations of learning for the training of their future leaders, and yet hold it real right, presently or remotely, to direct or control in the affairs of these institutions? What is to prevent them from leading off into erroneous teaching of the church branch theory and other pernicious errors, and thus poisoning the minds of those who come under such seductive instruction? The only correct answer is, we will patronize or support no school professing to be Baptist that is not directly under the control of our own churches, through their accredited representatives. Such is exactly what Bro. Bacon's resolutions contemplate for our Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and we trust our brethren will go up to the convention at Wilmington next May, fully prepared to require that such a relation with that Convention and the Seminary as they suggest, be insisted upon to the finish. Mississippi College is ours to-day, but by that of prodigious effort to bring it into that relation, and it cannot cease to be ours, nor to be controlled by our people, as long as the present chartered and constitutional relations exist, and will go on its great mission from the contaminating influence of infidel and heretical

tures now as at the beginning. There are thorns as well as

Southern Baptist Convention, and under God we are safe; otherwise we are like the sea with all of its unsettling and dangerous conditions, and the Seminary in the center of the storm.

MINISTERS (?)

Dr. Lyman Abbott gives it out that he set out originally to be a lawyer, but soon after says "the law did not suit me. I attended Plymouth church and Mr. Beecher's eloquence inspired in me an ambition to be a preacher." He gives no other evidence of a call, and we must conclude that this was his call to the ministry, and all there was of it. The world need not wonder any longer, therefore, at the vagaries of this so-called "eminent divine." If God had called him into the ministry, most probably he would have had more respect for the divine Word, and maintained a character more nearly in keeping with the dignity of that high office.

We have heard of such men before who are in the ministry, most probably, in response to the call of worldly ambition, or who are there only for the honors and emoluments of the office, but who are trying to do a little business in the way of making converts after a sort of incidental fashion, just for consistency's sake. If the "great commission" given by our Lord has any meaning or force to-day, then so has the command to His disciples to

work: "You have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye might go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit might remain." In like manner he chooses and ordains His ministers now, has ever done, and doubtless will ever do. If any one doubts this, let him read Eph. 4:1 to 13, and perchance he will have a good understanding of the whole matter if he wishes to know the truth.

Perhaps if all the truth could be known, it would be developed that nine-tenths or more of the heresy being palmed off as Bible truth in these degenerate times, is the theological output of these self-called and ambition-inspired men, many of whom are plausible and clever enough "almost to deceive the very elect," and some of whom attain to the high distinction of being written up as "eminent divines." Then, too, the great probability is that not a few of that sort are "making a fair show in the flesh" in the way of "counting converts," and are astonishing themselves and the world by their wonderful evangelistic exploits.

Now, do you say, what shall be done about this matter? Well, we would say:

1. Try all the spirits that come to you, and be careful about recognizing any except those who measure up to the Bible standard.
2. Be sure not to recommend or countenance the ordination of any one to the ministry until

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that high and sacred office. 3. After that, perhaps it would be well to do as the husbandman advised his servants as to the "let them alone till the harvest." But what will happen then? Well, read Matt. 7:21-23, and see for yourself.

MANY RECORD readers will join us in rejoicing with our friends, Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Gambrell, in the happy marriage of their beautiful daughter, Julia. We say beautiful because we shall always think of "Julia" as one of the prettiest and sweetest of the little girls of our acquaintance. Of course she is grown up now, and we doubt not, has only grown more beautiful. The following card of invitation is a precursor of the happy event. Our congratulations and best wishes go to them in advance, for a long life of usefulness and happiness: "Dr. and Mrs. James B. Gambrell request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Julia Mitchell, to Mr. Sidney Reid Wiley, on Wednesday, April 28, at 1 o'clock, 58 West Baker street, Atlanta, Ga."

Wanted.

Minutes of the Chikashaw Association for the years 1887, 1888, 1889, and 1896, to complete the set for "The Colgate Baptist Historical Library" of New York. Any one having copies of the Minutes above mentioned will do me a favor by sending

W. B. HARDY, Meridian, April 13, 1897.

STATE MISSIONS.

While we are endeavoring to settle mission bills for other States and nations, we must not forget our own beloved State. The time for our Convention will soon be here, and all of our work ought to be rounded up. From the last Sunday in April our State Mission work should have the right of way in our hearts and churches. We must not be compelled to report a deficit, as we have so often done. There is no need of such a report if all of our pastors and churches do their duty. An average of five or ten dollars from each church in the State would more than meet the outlay of the Convention Boards. Let the Secretary of the Boards sum up the arrearages, and then let every pastor in the State do his whole duty in collecting the amount. It can be done, and must be done. Who will help?

State Missions has been by no means a failure. The Lord has graciously smiled upon the efforts of Mississippi Baptists in their endeavor to evangelize their State. We have taken the lead in this department of work, and God has honored our leadership. Churches have been organized, weak churches have been strengthened, and many souls have been converted as immediate results of our efforts. What the ultimate harvest will be, we do not know; but we do know that our labor will not be in vain. God will crown our efforts.

Many of our people are not apprised of the destitution of our State. What we need, therefore, is information. A map of the State, giving the location of our churches, would be highly helpful. Who will get it up? Such a map would be the best contribution to State Missions that could be given. The Delta and the Coast are two important fields within our bounds. Both of these sections are gradually filling up with people from all quarters. Now is the time to do earnest, faithful work for these places. Time lost means opportunities lost. What we do, must be done within the next five years. We have begun the race well. Shall any one hinder, that the victory may not be won? Our missionaries in these fields are earnest, consecrated men. They need other men to help them; they need money to buy food and clothing, and they need the sympathy and prayers of Baptists all over the State. Lift up your eyes, brethren, and look on the field; it is white unto harvest. The harvest is great, but the laborers are few. Much prayer and liberal giving is the great need just now. Does charity begin at home? Then let it begin. Mississippi is our home. Have you given anything to State Missions this year? If not, will you not between now and the July Convention? This is no light question. Think over it seriously, and the God of grace help you.

W. B. HARDY, Meridian, April 13, 1897.

From Port Gibson

12. Delegates to the Young Men's Union will be entertained when they are delegates also to convention. Alternates will be entertained only when the committee has been duly notified that the delegates will not come, and that the alternates will come. Entertainment will be provided at hotels for the President of the Convention, the Record-Secretaries, and the Treasurers of the Convention; for the responding Secretaries of Foreign Mission, Home Missions and Sunday School Boards, for no others.

The committee will gladly entertain any who desire to pay their own expenses, whether delegates or visitors, by making necessary arrangements with hotels or boarding houses, but *will not bill*. Rates at the hotels for delegates are \$2 per day; for visitors, \$2.50 per day; for dining houses the rates range from \$1 to \$2 per day.

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OUR FIELD CLASS.

Georgia Baptists have come to the front in their help to the Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention. Ex-Gov. Northern, President of the Georgia Convention, which met at Gainesville April 3, sends out the following: "Georgia Convention instructs me to inform Baptist churches South that it pledged to-day, to raise during April, five thousand dollars each for the Home and Foreign Boards, and requests brethren everywhere to unite in an effort to liquidate the entire indebtedness of our Boards by May 1." Good for the grand old State of Georgia. Now let there be a long pull, and a strong pull, and a pull altogether all over our State for this work.—The Baptist church at Canton, China, supports its own pastor and one other native worker. Canton is said to be the third largest city in the world. Good for these Canton Baptists.—Dr. W. A. Whittle is filling a series of lecture appointments in Louisiana, under the management of the State Mission Secretary, Dr. E. O. Ware, for the benefit of the Baptist work in the State.—The Baptist Chronicle (La.) has been moved from Ruston to Alexandria. Bro. Boone is making a capital paper, besides doing a great deal of preaching throughout the State.—Dr. W. P. Harvey, of the Western Recorder, has recently made a trip to Lowell, Boston, New York and Philadelphia, and gives quite an interesting account of his trip in the last issue of the Recorder.—"Dr. J. S. Coleman, the Moderator of our General Association," says the Western Recorder, "is out in a vigorous article in the Arkansas Baptist, giving his view of the harm done in Kentucky by the 'Whittitt matter,' and urging that Dr. W. retire from the Seminary." Brethren who have only read newspaper accounts of this matter, ought to read Dr. Whittitt's book, "A Question in Baptist History," before passing a sweeping condemnation of the Doctor. We believe both his book and Dr. Christian's ought to be read together by every intelligent Baptist who wishes to get the whole question before him. Give both sides an impartial hearing, beloved.—Dr. J. M. Robertson, of Texas, succeeds Dr. W. C. Luther as District Bible Secretary of the American Baptist Publication Society. Dr. Robertson is an able man, and well qualified for this work to which he devotes his energy. The Society now owns its own plates for Bible making, and will in future print its own Testaments and Bibles, instead of buying from the American Bible Society, as formerly. This fully meets and settles the plea made by Dr. McLaurin and other representatives of the American Bible Society, that all denominations must procure their Bibles from the Bible Society. This Bible Society is circulating a Greek version of the New Testament, so we are informed by Dr. Luther, in which *rantio* has been substituted for *baptizo*.—The last issue of the *Seminary Magazine* is a memorial number in memory of the lamented Dr. Harris. In it there is an article by Rev. S. A. Wilkinad, of Senatobia, on one phase of Dr. Harris' character.—The *Journal and Messenger* mentions a church which is in want of a pastor. Some one at

the members said: "We want a good man, worth \$4,000 per year, but we can only pay \$800." There are numberless churches of just this variety, wanting first-class pastors and only willing to pay fourteenth-class salaries.—Rev. W. E. Ellis, of Greenwood, is with us in special revival services, doing the preaching and doing it well. The congregation and interest has been steadily increasing, and we hope for a great uplifting and a "season of refreshing" from the presence of the Lord. Our people are much interested in the work, and are co-operating with the preacher.—We have received a copy of the *Baptist Reeper*, Paris, Tenn., owned and edited by our friend and brother, Rev. Martin Ball, and his son, Fleetwood Ball. It is a four-column quarto and full of good things. Bro. Ball has the following kind mention in the *Reeper*: "Eld. L. S. Foster, financial agent of the Mississippi Baptist Orphanage, is negotiating terms for the establishment of the Orphanage at Jackson, Miss. Bro. Foster is a co-editor of THE BAPTIST RECORD, Meridian, Miss. We pray God to grant him success in his humane enterprise. The good people of his State should rally to his support." Many thanks, beloved. May Bro. Ball be greatly blessed in his pastoral and newspaper work. He is an ex-Mississippian and a son of Rev. Martin Ball, Sr., of blessed memory. He has a host of friends in our State.

We have an earnest appeal from Como for help to build a house of worship in that town. From all we can learn, we think it is an opportunity for our people to put in some real good help to a worthy, struggling little band of the Lord's saints. They are few in number and feeble in means, but they have the scriptural "two or three," and more, are liberal with their scanty means and strong of heart and faith. Now, wouldn't it be a noble and good thing if every Baptist church in Mississippi that sees this, or hears of their great effort to build a house for the Lord, to take up one collection and send it up to help them in their good work. It would not be much from each church, but it would greatly gladden that little flock and honor the Master we all love and serve. Now, will not all of our pastors take the hint from this, put the matter before their people, and send the result right along? You can address C. B. Williams or A. M. Patterson, Como, Miss. The brethren want it understood that they are very hopeful that God will answer their prayers and send them the needed help, but at the same time wish to assure all who give, that if they do not realize enough to help them out to a finish, they will return what is sent to the donors. Now, brethren, here is a good chance to do some good work.

REDUCED RATES VIA SOUTHERN RAILWAY.

For the occasion of the General Assembly Presbyterian church South, which will be held at Charlotte, N. C., May 20-31, 1897, the Southern Railway will sell tickets at rate of one first-class fare for the round trip; tickets to be sold May 17th to 21st inclusive, with final limit June 10th 1897. For further information call on any agent of the Southern Railway.

CHRONICLES.

L. A. D.

Perhaps the most dangerous thing to our government as to morals in this, our day, is the prevalence of perjury. When men disregard their oath, it is impossible to enforce law. Even human life is unsafe. Our courts will become a shambles instead of a relief. It is surprising how little a man knows when before the grand jury. People professing to be Christians are sometimes criminally forgetful. A popular way to avoid telling the truth is to make it convenient to be away during court. The judge's ruling now is that such shall be arrested when they return and be put under bond to be present at the next term.

Perjury was a rare thing before the war. It began to prevail to preserve life and liberty, and then to save property. The next step was its employment to make money—and the scripture well saith: "The love of money is the root of all evil." Now we have it to shield lawlessness and to protect criminals. Some evils are thus guarded that people begin to think seriously of licensing them as a "less evil." Starting with the saloon, it would be a step to license gambling, and then lewdness to follow.

Possibly it may be said of the Christian of this day, "My people do not consider." If they would stop to think, in the light of God's word, they could not vote to license any evil. They have no right to endanger the life, liberty and happiness of others, either vote or voice. On the other hand, they are under great obligations to uphold and destroy "blind tigers" of liquor, of gaming, or of any other vices. It is rank cowardice to submit to the practical rule of hoodlumism, and a terrible sin to protect it by practical perjury.

Politics has come into the perjury class, largely, and it is bringing ruin upon the country. Its main object seems to be the preservation of the party. Here again comes in the power of money. The tariff has special regard to the money power, which is already protected by almost total exemption from taxation. High duties are put upon articles of necessity, while rates for luxuries and liquors for the rich are reduced. There is a decided leaning towards the North and its capital, and a lack of justice towards the South and its struggling interests.

Prosperity was promised if McKinley should be elected. He has been President almost two months, without bright prospects for the near future. Meanwhile winds and flames and floods are bringing poverty to many people by the loss of their property and their homes. It is not, with them, simply a loss of a part of their money, with plenty left—but poverty. Meanwhile millions go for pensions, much unworthily, and the rich draw interest on their untaxed bonds. So "the rich grow richer and the poor grow poorer," though the latter are not exempt from taxation.

people are stirred unusually about their soul's salvation. Nor is such interest local. It becomes Christians to pray more earnestly for the conversion of the world, that infidelity be removed from our land, and that the persecutions and massacre of our co-religionists in foreign countries be stopped.

Private advices report a remarkable work of grace in Owensboro, Ky., under Bro. Sid Williams. Our own city is being blessed; Bro. M. D. Early, of Memphis, Tenn., conducting interesting and profitable services at Fifteenth Avenue—there being up to this writing six accessions to the church; while at Forty-first Avenue Pastor Gay has received seven. At the Mission Sunday School there were seven classes organized, the attendance being about sixty. There was fair attendance at all of our Sunday Schools, and regular services at all the churches except the Highlands Dr. Hackett visited his old pastorate at Shuqualak.

We note a pleasant call from Bro. W. G. Pugh, of Aberdeen, who visits our city to obtain the benefits of a commercial course in our Queen City Business College. He comes highly recommended by our brother and friend, Capt. A. J. Brown, of Aberdeen, and reports well of his home city. We were glad to hear him speak so favorably of the ability and popularity of their new pastor, Bro. McMillan, and of the prosperity of the church. We hope to greet him often while in our city, and he will always be welcome at THE RECORD office.

FIELD NOTES.

H. M. LONG.

Bishop H. M. Crain at Biloxi, is another pastor that knows how to help a visiting preacher, traveling in a good cause. Why, last year, when I visited Biloxi, he treated me so nicely that I almost concluded that I was pastor there and he was THE RECORD agent, for he not only engaged a buggy and horse and did the driving, but he did much of the talking for the paper, and the result was that nearly every Baptist that did not already take THE RECORD, was induced to subscribe.

On my recent visit, he did a similar thing, but we worked the town so closely last year, that we did little or nothing more this time than get renewals and take subscriptions.

Bro. Crain has been at Biloxi but little over a year, having begun there in February '96, but in that short time he has done a very fine work. He found the church divided into two or three factions. While, by his untiring efforts, harmony has not been fully restored, yet the divisions have been measurably healed. Under his pastorate, 25 have been added to the church by letter and baptism.

He has labored, however, under some serious disadvantages, that have tended to hinder progress. One of these is the comparatively out-of-the-way location of the church house. It is much removed from the bulk of the population that it is desired to reach.

But for a debt of about \$800 that hangs over the church, the building might be moved to a more desirable part of the city. This debt, by all means, should be canceled, not only on this

count, but because the conditions are such that it interferes with complete restoration of harmony in the membership, and hence seriously hinders both the spiritual and numerical growth of the church.

The church under Bro. Crain, has moved up from three-fourths of a pastor's time to full time. That is to say the pastor preaches twice every Sunday, yet he manages to occupy steadily two mission points.

Biloxi has about 5000 people and it is intensely Catholic, that is Romanized. I saw some of the images in the convent garden and church yard, which the deluded votaries of this religion worship.

It is estimated that about 4000 tourists spend from one to six months every year in Biloxi in search of health. These tourists are from different sections of the Union and embrace many cultivated people, and represent different Christian denominations and no denomination. This fact, linked with other facts I have noticed and might still mention, renders it highly important that our cause be not only ably represented on the coast, especially in this leading city of our State in that section, but that our ministers there be promptly and liberally sustained.

I very seriously doubt that the Board is cultivating a more important field, all things considered, than the Coast, if there is another of as much importance in the State.

The churches at Scranton, Ocean Springs and Pass Christian are pastored by Bro. L. N. Brock, who has his home at Scranton, while Bro. Henry Bennett, the late genial cultivated pastor of the Canton church, with his good wife, has lately moved into Moss Point, and taken charge of the church there for half of his time. He divides his other half between Escatawpa and another church.

Bro. Brock did an excellent work at Moss Point of which church he was pastor about three years, having recently resigned. His mantle has fallen upon worthy shoulders, those of Bro. Bennett, who has already captured his people by his good preaching and companionable disposition.

Upon the whole, the Baptist cause on the coast is well manned, and the outlook for us is about as hopeful as could be expected in the face of the difficulties that the pastors and churches there have to confront.

One of the many pleasant events recently experienced by the Field Man, was a Sunday spent with the Estabachie Baptists, and their lovable new pastor, Bro. L. H. Huff, from whom it was my privilege to hear a real good sermon, as well as to preach for him.

Bro. Huff resides at Laurel and pastors the church there also, which has moved up from one to two Sundays a month preaching. He also has a church in Alabama. I trust that he is long all of his mission will be engaged in East Mississippi.

10 Cents (silver or stamps) pays for a complete \$500.00 prize story, a true love story of college days, and other interesting matter. The regular price of the book is 25 cts. Our business is to secure positions for teachers in schools and colleges. We have a few vacancies in our Southern States Bureau. **Wanted—An Idea** for a story that will sell. Send us your idea. We will pay you \$10.00 for the best one. Send it to THE RECORD, Biloxi, Miss.

BY PU Department.

April.

4. Faith, Heb. 11th chapter.
11. The Joys of Salvation. Ps. 51:12.
18. My favorite promise, and why it is dear to me. Isa. 41:10.
25. Missions—China.

The next session of the Baptist Young People's Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, will be held in Wilmington, North Carolina, May 6, 1897. All regularly appointed delegates will receive free entertainment, provided they are officially reported to Pastor W. B. Oliver by April 20. Those who neglect to do this will forfeit their claims to free entertainment. Each Union or Society is entitled to one delegate for every twenty-five members, or major fraction thereof. Churches without such Unions or Societies are entitled to one for every fifty members, or major fraction thereof. We trust that all delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention, Woman's Missionary Meeting, and as many more as possible, will come as delegates to the Young People's Meeting. Free entertainment May 6 for those only who are delegates to the B. Y. P. U. Every delegate should report to the State Manager of this State by April 18. Bro. Arthur Flake, of Winona, is our manager for Mississippi.

Yours fraternally,
JOHN D. JORDAN,
Gen. Sec.
Birmingham, Ala. 3t.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON.

By W. F. Yarbrough.

APRIL 25, 1897.

SUBJECT: Peter delivered from Prison. Acts 12:5-17.

GOLDEN TEXT: The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them. Psalms 34:7.

INTRODUCTORY.

While Caligula was emperor of Rome, A. D., 37-41, the disciples were spared from Jewish persecution and the church had rest. The Jews were too busy protecting themselves from his mad freaks to pay much attention to the despised sect, but when quiet was restored, through the interposition of Herod and finally by the death of Caligula, they turn once more against the disciples. This time the persecution is severer than before, being of a political as well as religious character. Herod Agrippa, grandson of Herod the Great, slayer of the children of Bethlehem and nephew of Herod Antipas, who beheaded John the Baptist, was the principal actor in the present onslaught. He had a difficult task to hold, at the same time, the favor of the court at Rome and the approval of his own people at home. The execution of James, the brother of John, and the imprisonment of Peter was a stroke of policy by which he attempted to hold the good will of his own people. It was a wild, mad scheme, inspired by Jewish prejudice and there is no telling what it would have

Our lesson gives an account of this divine interference.

EXPLANATORY.

I. The deliverance 5-10. The church prays. (5) It was a dark hour for the little flock and the darkness was deepening. The charmed circle of "The Twelve" had been broken and the leader of all was in prison, and as far as human probability went, his death was almost certain. In their distress, they can do nothing but pray. That they do with all the earnestness and intensity of their souls. Whether this prayer was for deliverance, or merely that God would give him strength to bear the trial, we cannot tell. Probably the latter, since they were so much surprised at his release. The praying was by individuals and groups and not by the church assembled. They would hardly have had a public meeting for fear of the Jews.

Provisions for his safe-keeping. (6) Two soldiers and two chains, one of each for each arm, with soldiers guarding the doors, destroyed all hope of escape by human means. This was Peter's situation the night before Herod intended he should die, but he sleeps soundly as if back in his old home in Capernaum.

The angel visit. (7, 8) All at once as he slept between his guards a supernatural light burst forth in the prison cell and an angel stood by him, smiting him and commanding him to arise quickly at the same time raising him up. As this is done the chains loosen themselves and fall off. No matter whether the two soldiers were asleep or not, the whole affair is a miracle, and there is no use in trying to understand the supernatural. There is no reason for any undue haste, so the angel commands him to fasten his girdle about him, which had naturally been loosened for comfort in sleep, and to tie on his sandals. This done, the angel further commands him to throw on his cloak, or outer garment, and follow him.

Peter's unconscious obedience. (9) The only acting agent in all these transactions seems to have been the angel. The guards seem to have been helpless, while Peter himself did not know he was awake, but unconsciously did as he was commanded, feeling all the while as if in a dream.

The angel's disappearance. (10) Having left the two soldiers to whom he was chained, and then having passed the two other guards stationed some distance apart between him and the outer gate, (for four men watched him at once) they came to the iron gate which automatically opened to let them pass into the street. An unseen power moved in the prison that night as Peter's ally of which he himself was hardly conscious. When the angel had carried him through the gate and through one street he left him to himself.

II. The visit to Mary's house. 11-17.

Comes to himself. (11, 12) Peter could not realize what was going on. His astonishment was so great that it took him some time to collect his senses, but after a while he realized that it was the hand of God delivering him from the power of the Jews. Realizing the situation, he at once proceeded to the house of Mary, the mother of John Mark and the sister of Barnabas (Col. 4:10). The brethren seem to have gathered

Peter knew of the group gathered there praying for him or not, he turned instinctively to her house as the best place for him to go.

His knock and the answer. (13, 14) As Peter reached the outer entrance to her house he began to knock for admittance. A girl named Rhoda, probably a servant girl, answered the knock, but besides the danger threatened by the Jews, it was a late hour of the night and she was naturally cautious in ascertaining first who it was. Peter was known in that home and she instantly recognized his voice. What a touch of nature! Those on the inside who are doing the praying may doubt, but she knows whom they are praying for and is quick to believe their prayer answered. What simple childlike faith is displayed as she runs in and tells those inside that Peter is at the gate!

The explanation. (15) Skepticism is always trying to explain. The group in Mary's house, though praying for Peter, cannot think of him as actually out of Herod's hands, knowing the precautions taken against his escape. They called the girl crazy, but when she persisted they replied that it was his angel. The reference is probably to the Jewish notion of a guardian angel assigned to every individual.

Peter's admittance and explanation. (16, 17) The knocking continued until they opened the door, when to their astonishment Peter stood before them. Indicating by a movement of his hand for them to hold their peace, he set forth the manner of his escape. He had come to the house of Rhoda, as she likely the sister of Rhoda and the sister of the church at Jerusalem. After saying these things he withdrew from them, going away to a place of safety. The next we hear of him is at the conference in Jerusalem, where Paul and Barnabas go from Antioch to consult the elders in the Jerusalem church.

Fifth Sunday Meeting of the Deer Creek Association.

This meeting will take place on Friday before the fifth Sunday in May, at 10 o'clock a. m., and will be held with the Olive Branch church. Conveyance for brethren and sisters will be in Cleveland on Thursday to carry them out to the church, eight or ten miles distant. It is desired that one or more brethren be present from each church in the Association. The programme is as follows, to-wit:

1. Preaching, Thursday night, 7 o'clock—Rev. J. S. Hutchinson, D. D.
2. Friday morning, 10 o'clock: How to bring our churches into active sympathy and co-operation with our Foreign Mission Board—Rev. W. M. Burr, D. D., Hon. John James, Rev. W. S. Blackman.
3. The Importance of the Mississippi Delta as a Mission Field to the Cause of Christ—Rev. J. S. Hutchinson, D. D., Rev. C. H. Mize, Rev. R. M. Richardson.
4. Education as a Factor in Christian Work—Hon. Geo. Anderson, Hon. R. B. Campbell.
5. The Value of Sunday Schools to our Churches—Rev. V. H. Nelson, Rev. J. E. Watt, Rev. H. Parkinson.
6. The Evil of the Drink Habit—Rev. J. E. Hughes, Rev. M. S. Ashland.

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for Christ so as to Develop the Grace of Giving—To be led by Rev. W. M. Burr, D. D., Rev. J. S. Hutchinson, D. D.

Preaching at night will be arranged by the "committee on devotional exercises." Come, brethren, and let us confer with reference to the cause of Christ in the Delta. We would like very much to see the Secretary of our Convention Board and the editor of THE RECORD present.

R. A. COHON.

The Work of State Missions.

1. Supply the destitute of our State with the gospel.
2. Help feeble churches in the support of pastors.
3. Organize Sunday Schools.
4. Supply Bibles and religious books to the people at the hands of Colporteurs.
5. Instruct colored preachers.
6. Develop missionary spirit looking to the evangelization of the world.
7. Co-operation in the support of Mississippi College.
8. Co-operation in the support of Ministerial Education.
9. Co-operation in the support of Religious Journals.

The history of our denomination shows that as State Missions have prospered all these causes have thrived proportionately. It has been called on this account Fundamental Work. It is at the base of denominational strength and progress. He who loves his denomination and would see it make advancement cannot be indifferent to the cause of State Missions. A wise pastor says, "I regard it first in importance."

Many of the strong churches of to-day were the beneficiaries of this cause either in the planting of them in places entirely destitute, or in the maintenance of pastors in their time of weakness.

The organization of Sunday Schools and the distribution of religious literature is a marked feature of State Missions, resulting in the conversion of souls, and oftentimes in the establishment of churches.

The instruction of colored preachers by competent white pastors is becoming a mighty factor for the development of the spiritual life of the colored churches, and can be made a means for the effectual uplifting of their people.

State Missions has been and is the greatest factor for the development of Foreign and Home Missions. The churches that give most largely to these causes have received their training from the State Missionary. As God has blessed them with increase, they have been able to help others, and their training has been "the field is the world," and thus it comes that State Missions has supplied the means for going "into all the world."

What would become of our other great denominational enterprises—the college, ministerial education and religious journals were this cause not constantly opening new fields for their entrance, and developing others from which their patronage comes.

In this cause Baptists expended last year \$9,000. The report shows 75 missionaries, 163 stations, 440 Baptists, 447 baptisms by others, 422 letters, 62 pastorates, 6 churches organized, 26 Sunday Schools organized, 15 houses consecrated 15

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A. V. ROWE.

Parting Words.

MY DEAR BRETHREN—The 30th of this month the books of the Foreign Mission Board will close. If you have money on hand for Foreign Missions, send it at once to Bro. A. V. Rowe, Winona, Miss., and he will report it to the Board in Richmond. If all the churches will do all they can, and report promptly, I yet hope that Mississippi Baptists may raise the \$7,200 asked of Mississippi by the Board at Richmond. My beloved brethren, the pastors of our State, as a rule, have done nobly for Foreign Missions this year. The liberal churches deserve the confidence of every lover of our Lord Jesus.

Now, let the churches send their pastors to the Southern Baptist Convention. For one fare for the round trip, tickets may be secured from agents of the Illinois Central, Southern, and A. & V. railroads. Those who wish to go from Southern Mississippi and Louisiana will please write to me, as I may be able to give them some information about the route.

With brotherly love,
J. K. PACE,
Vice-Pres. F. M. B.
Hazelhurst, Miss., April 13, '97.

Noble Effort.

The movement instituted by our Georgia brethren, in their State Convention just closed, to pay all the debts of our Boards in April, should be seconded by our brotherhood in all the States. The people of Georgia have gone earnestly to work to raise an additional \$10,000 this month, though they have already given liberally, leading all the States. Now, let all the States nobly join in this effort and do their full part. The Foreign Board needs to raise in April \$55,000 to pay all indebtedness. Last year we raised during April \$35,000, and the year before \$45,000. Now, let us raise this year \$55,000 and pay all we owe. This will require earnest effort and liberal giving upon the part of our pastors and churches. Let us make one grand effort in the name of God and for the glory of His cause. If you have nothing to give you can talk and pray.

R. J. WILLINGHAM.

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MISS MARY P. HACKETT, Editor

April.

CHINA.—"How shall they hear without a preacher?" and how shall they preach except they be sent?" S. R. C. Mission opened, 1845; missionaries, 41; native assistants, 44; stations, 21; churches, 19; membership, 1,266; baptisms, 152; schools, 21; scholars, 575; Sunday School scholars, 689. Contributions, \$2,190.35.

STUDY TOPICS—Immense population of China. Present religious systems. How best can native fanaticism be overcome. The influence of a Christianized China on the world. Responsibility toward present workers.

Growing Old.

Softly, oh, softly, the years have swept by thee,
Touching thee lightly with tenderest care;
Sorrow and death they ever bring nigh thee,
Yet they have left thee but beauty to wear.
Growing old gracefully,
Gracefully fair,
Far from the storms, that are lashing the ocean,
Nearer each day to the pleasant home light;
Far from the waves that are big with commotion,
Under full sail and the harbor in sight,
Growing old cheerfully,
Cheerful and bright.
Past all the winds that were adverse and chilling,
Past all the islands that lured thee to rest;
Past all the currents that wooed thee, unwilling,
Far from the port and the land of the blest.
Growing old peacefully,
Peaceful and blest.
Never a feeling of envy or sorrow
When the bright faces of children are seen;
Never a year from their youth wouldst thou borrow;
Thou dost remember what lieth between thee,
Growing old willingly,
Gladly, I ween.
Rich in experience that angels might covet,
Rich in a faith that has grown with thy years,
Rich in the love that grew from and above it,
Soothing thy sorrows and turning thy fears.
Growing old wealthily,
Loving and dear.
Hearts at the sound of thy coming are
Lightened,
Ready and willing thy hand to relieve;
Many a face at thy kind words has brightened.
"It is more blessed to give than receive."
Growing old happily,
Blest, we believe.
Eyes that grow dim to the world and its glory
See but the brighter the heavenly glow;
Ears that are dull to the world and its story
Drink in the songs that from paradise flow.
All their sweet recompense
Youth cannot know.
Four score! But softly the years have swept by thee,
Touching thee lightly with tenderest care;
Sorrow and death they did often bring nigh thee,
Yet they have left thee but beauty to wear.
Growing old gracefully,
Graceful and fair.

In Memoriam.

Died, on January 1, 1897, while on a visit to her sons, J. F. and J. G. Bolls, near Thomas-town, Madison parish, La., Mrs. Sarah E. Bolls, a daughter of the late Wm. and Sarah Jones Griffling, and widow of Deacon Wm. E. Bolls.

A child, which proved to be that of death, attacked our sister on the night of Christmas Day, which was also the seventy-first birthday of our dear mother.

"That's all right," she said, "as much as you please." So they separated. The un-

I am ready!" She awaited the call but stood not idle. Her busy life was filled with kindly ministrations. As daughter, wife, mother, sister, friend or neighbor, our beloved lived out the Christian profession made when buried by Rev. E. C. Eager in baptism so many years ago. One of the four last charter members of the Rodney Baptist church, she always showed a deep interest in every department of its work, ever ready herself to help and seeking to influence others toward the various objects fostered by our denomination.

The last work in which Sister Bolls was permitted to aid were the boxes to frontier missionaries, contributed to by the W. M. U., of which she was a valuable member; also in the Thanksgiving offering for the Baptist Orphanage collected by her pastor. But countless as the daisies that star the green spring grass are the memories of her "little deeds of kindness, little words of love," living freshly in so many hearts and recorded above in the Book of Life.

The fragile body that had suffered much was laid to rest in the family burying ground in Jefferson county, near the spot where "Aunt Sarah" was born, and but a stone's throw from the old place where yet another son, E. L. Bolls, mourns the mother who made it "home." And as the casket was covered over on that rainy Sabbath evening, the clear rays of a setting sun burst forth in a halo of glory.

"As after the pain and sickness,
The spirit pure and bright,
After death's dark shadow
Clear in the Light of Lights,
After the guiding Counsel,
After the work is done,
After the willing service
A crown of life is won."

When the dear mother had breathed her last, the elder son, who had stood by her with the other stricken ones to the very shores of the Borderland, took to his bed with a severe attack of pneumonia and in ten short days J. F. Bolls—Frank, as we called him—had, too, crossed beyond the Tide to that Heavenly City where there are no partings, no tears and "the Lamb is the Light thereof."

He was only forty-one, seemingly in the midst of life, with everything to live for: a loving wife, who is the daughter of Mrs. Martha Marble, and three precious little children.

Gathering rapidly the fruits of an energetic and successful business career, and serving with credit his district as a representative in the Legislature of Louisiana, in which State he had of late years resided, though a native of Jefferson county, Mississippi.

In October, 1868, our brother united with the church, "seeking his Creator in the days of his youth," accepting that Savior as his Friend who was ever with him, even unto the end; of whom and to whom he was always ready to speak in the prayer meeting or in the Sunday School, of which he was for years an ideal superintendent.

Socially Frank was bright and entertaining; his friends were legion, charmed by the freshness of his mind, the enthusiasm of his character and the hopefulness and sincerity of his disposition.

If we have lost much his nearest and dearest have lost much. His death is a great calamity. His passing leaves a void in our midst. His passing leaves a void in our midst. His passing leaves a void in our midst.

feet "what we know not now we shall know thereafter."
In loving tribune,
N. O. T.

Sued in the Court of Heaven.

Two brethren living in Virginia during the late war were members of the same church. On one occasion the Federal troops, during one of their excursions through the State, camped near the elegant home of one of these brethren. In a few days, as one of the inevitable results of war, all of his corn, potatoes, flour, meat and lard were swept away, leaving his barns and storehouses empty, and him and his family in utter destitution. His brother, above mentioned, hearing of his great misfortune, and having escaped a like calamity, hitched up his wagon, loaded it with every variety of family supplies, and drove over to his brother's home and freely gave him the help he sorely needed from his own bounty and goodness of heart.

In the course of time the slaves of this unfortunate brother began to return. He planted and cultivated his broad acres with their labor. Prosperity in a large measure returned. His barns were filled with plenty, "his presses," figuratively speaking, "were bursting out with new wine," and his soul was filled with gladness under these benignant smiles of providence.

In the midst of his return of prosperity, his friend and brother who had been so kind-hearted and generous to him in his adversity, was himself overtaken by the cruel fate of war. All of his barns and storehouses were emptied, his horse and mules taken away, his "presses" gone, and he was left penniless and destitute. In the sad destitution he said to his wife:

"I helped our brother when he was in his straitened circumstances. Now I am in a similar case, I will go to him and ask him to help me in my distress. If he will only give me such aid as I gave him, I can pull through."

His wife heartily approved the plan, and he immediately went to his now prosperous friend and brother and made his appeal, stating his circumstances, fully expecting a cheerful and prompt and ready response. To his surprise he was met with an emphatic refusal and repulse.

"But, my brother, he pleaded, did I not promptly and cheerfully help you when you were suffering the ravages of war? Do you not at least owe me a debt of gratitude?"

"No, sir, I owe you nothing. I need all that I have, and I cannot help you. Besides, you have no claim whatever upon me, for you gave me and made no charge."

"Yes, it is true I gave you the things I brought, but I and my family are now entirely destitute. We have nothing whatever to eat. If you will just make me a loan of the same quantity I brought to you in your distress, I will greatly appreciate the favor."

"No," replied the ungrateful brother, "I am not able to help you, and I will neither give nor loan you anything."

grateful brother was daily expecting a notification to appear in court and answer his brother's suit, but none was ever served upon him. In the course of time, still angry, he met his brother and said:

"I thought you intended to sue me?"

"I have sued you," he replied. "Well," said he, "I have never received any notice of such suit. There must be some mistake."

"No, sir," he replied, "there is no mistake about it. I have indeed sued you. Not in any earthly court, but in the great court of Heaven I have entered my suit against you, not in anger, but in grief, and you must answer to that suit some time or other. In that court there is already judgment rendered against you."

They separated. These words sunk into the heart of the ungrateful brother. They haunted him day and night, and continually rang in the halls of his memory.

"Sued in the great court of heaven! Judgment already entered against me! I cannot stand this. I'll go to God in prayer and plead my case with him, and I'll lose no time in meeting this judgment and settling it all off."

Bright and early next morning he had his servants to load two wagons brim full of supplies and drive them to the gate of his neighbor and brother, to whom he said, with tears streaming down his cheeks:

"My brother, I am here to answer to that judgment. If I am sued in the court of Heaven, and judgment has been rendered, I prefer to meet it and satisfy it as soon as possible. Here is one wagon load of supplies to cancel that claim, and another wagon load to cover the costs of the case. Forgive me, brother, and may God ever bless us, and help me to live as becometh his servant."

Program for April Missionary Meetings.

SUBJECT: CHINA.
"Lay any burden upon me, only sustain me; send me anywhere, only go with me; sever every tie but the one that binds me to Thy service and heart."

1. Silent prayer for blessing on the meeting.
2. Spiritual impulse—Psa. 67.
3. Praise service.
4. Scripture—Psa. 66.
5. Hymn—"My Jesus, I love Thee."
6. Item.—Fifty years ago all the Christians in China met in one little room; now there are 50,000. Since 1863, they have increased 1800 per cent. If they keep on increasing in the same ratio (and we believe they will) the next ninety years will give us 291,600,000 Christians in China.
7. Roll call, responding with an item about China, interspersed with singing stanzas of hymn, "The Morning Light is Breaking."
8. Chain of prayers for the missionaries, converts and schools in China. Let each select a missionary to pray for at home during the month.
9. Leaflet—"Obstacles and Opportunities in China," by Rev. Howard Wayne Smith. (To be read in sections by different persons.)
10. Discussion of the leaflet.
11. Business Collection. Closing hymn.

China.

THE PROGRESS OF SHANGHAI.

"Shanghai and Hankow are the only two points in China proper where large modern manufacturing plants are established and in operation. These cities are respectively the New York and Chicago of China. Shanghai is the gateway to the great rich Yangtze-Kiang valley. It is growing with the rapidity of some of our Western cities. Its foreign section would be credited to a prosperous home-port, with its imposing buildings and well-kept streets. For a manufacturing center its location is unsurpassed. There are miles and miles of deep-water frontage. The largest ships and steamers are constantly leaving for all parts of the world. Coasting steamers touch at every port in China, Corea, Japan, Formosa, the Philippines, Java and Siam. River crafts, equal to those of the Hudson and the Mississippi, run regularly up the Yangtze 600 miles to Hankow, and connect with smaller vessels that go 400 miles further to Ichang, which in turn connect with junks that proceed 400 miles further to the new treaty port of Chungking, where the United States has recently established a consulate.—Review of Reviews.

Woman's Missionary Union,
AUXILIARY TO SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

The Ninth Annual Meeting of Woman's Missionary Union will be held in Wilmington, N. C., May 7, 8, 9 and 10, in the First Presbyterian church, Cor. Third and Orange streets. Morning sessions, commencing at 9:30, will be held on Friday, Saturday and Monday. On Sunday the services will begin at 3 p. m. The delegates are appointed by the Central Committees of the different States, and by the Constitution are limited to four besides the Vice President. These delegates will receive the kindly hospitality of the citizens of Wilmington. It is earnestly hoped that other friends of the work, from all the States, will be in attendance, though, from the large number expected at the Convention, the invitations to homes must be limited to delegates.

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A Frontier Missionary.

The Home Mission Board recently furnished for publication, an item in regard to a frontier missionary, who had been abundantly blessed in his work, and who, although sixty-five years of age and afflicted with a broken ankle, continued to preach the gospel with great earnestness and power in destitute regions of Oklahoma. This dear brother has been a pioneer in the West for six weeks at one time.

The words of such a saint ought to be read with interest. The following are extracts from a letter written by his own hand on March 3, 1897:

"With grateful hearts, we feel that we can never be thankful enough for the kind favors we have received from the hands of the dear sisters, the Woman's Missionary Union. Had it not been for their timely assistance we would have been forced from this field, but we are thus enabled to continue and give all my time to the cause of Christ."

"We cannot find words to express the feelings of our hearts, while tears of gratitude blind our eyes. We know that none but frontier missionaries know what it is to do battle on the frontier. During the 15 years I have been in Oklahoma, I have baptized several hundred. Our people are mostly poor, but yet we thank God they do all they can. My time is fully occupied, and the cry comes to me, 'Come and help us.' Oh, that I could do more for poor, hungry, starving souls. Pray for us that all bitter roots may be removed and that we may take Oklahoma for Jesus."

Atlanta, Ga., April 1.

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Kindness of the Death Angel.

If we could see what dying means to our beloved one, we would not weep. There is a beautiful story of a boy whose young sister was dying. He had heard that if he could secure but a single leaf from the tree of life that grew in the garden of God, the illness could be healed. He set out to find the garden and implore the angel sentinel to let him have one leaf. The angel asked the boy if he could promise that his sister should never be sick any more if his request was granted, and that she should never be cold or hungry, nor be treated harshly. The boy said he could not promise. Then the angel opened the gate a little way, bidding the child to look into the garden for a moment. "Then if you still wish it," said the angel, "I will myself ask the King for a leaf from the tree of life to heal your sister." The child looked in, and after seeing all the wondrous beauty and blessedness, he said softly to the angel: "I will not ask for the leaf now. There is no place in all this world so beautiful as that. There is no friend so kind as the Angel of Death. I wish he would take me, too."—Sunday School Times.

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One Month.

"DEAR BRO. EDITOR:—One more month, and our financial year closes. With the lessening days, our anxiety over the result increases.

Thus far the outlook is favorable. If the churches will rally to our support this coming month as they have sometimes done, our debt will be swept off the field. Many of the contributions of former years we will not be disappointed.

If our receipts for April '97 shall equal those of April '96, the Board will not be embarrassed, though it may not be entirely free from debt. If our April contributions can be increased a few thousand dollars we will be able to meet every financial obligation. We are sure they can be if our brethren will try.

Mississippi gave us over \$1,000 in April of last year. If she can increase it to \$1,500 it will be her full part and we will heartily thank her for it.

L. T. TICHENOR.

Atlanta, Ga., April 1.

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Board Meeting.

The Board meeting of the Harmony Association will be with the Baptist church at Hebron on Friday, 7:30 p. m., before the fifth Sunday in May, 1897.

Introductory Sermon—T. J. Moore; alternate, G. W. Nutt.

Questions: What is the office of the Holy Spirit, and how does He reach the unregenerate?—T. B. Blalock, W. P. Dorrell, W. C. Sessum.

2. Are the church and kingdom the same, or synonymous terms? If not, what is their difference and their relation to the other?—J. M. Vinton, J. J. Moore, T. E. Morris.

3. Harmonize, Matt. 5:48, 1 Thes. 5:23, 1 John 1:6-10; 3:8.—W. L. Cox, A. Langston, E. T. Dendy, O. B. Thornton.

4. Explain John 3:3-5.—J. F. Kernop, G. W. Nutt, J. M. Dotson.

5. What is the scriptural view for entertaining Mormons?—Z. Stewart, S. W. Moore, E. J. McCay, F. M. Willington.

6. Discuss Ps. 1:8—W. A. Comfort, J. F. Harrison, R. M. Flovers.

7. What are some of the requisites to the Lord's Supper?—C. C. Anderson, T. J. Moore, L. F. Gregory.

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